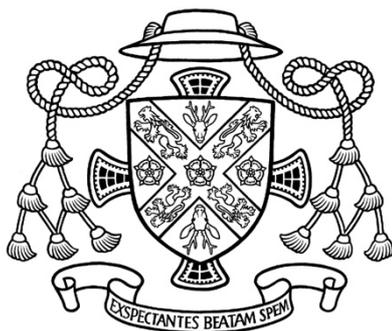


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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## **Information on the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust (NPCAT)**

Further to the information sharing exercise undertaken during the Spring term regarding the formation of a new Catholic Multi Academy Trust (CMAT), to be called the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust. I wanted to thank you for supporting and engaging in this process and to provide you with an update.

We received 17 responses in total (3 from Local Authorities, 13 from parents and 1 from staff). The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. For those who had more detailed questions, we will endeavour to ensure that these are addressed in the coming weeks and months.

I am pleased to be able to share that the Department for Education Regional Schools Commissioner and Head Teacher Board met on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and agreed to the application to merge the four existing MATs into one, and on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the application from St Pius X RC Primary School to become an academy and join the Trust. We are therefore on target to now move forward and hopefully establish the new CMAT from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

We have now also made two crucial appointments to drive forward our vision for the CMAT. Hugh Hegarty has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer and takes up post from 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Hugh has a wealth of educational experience in the Catholic sector and we look forward to him joining us. In addition, Jim Farquhar has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer designate and takes up post also on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Jim is a qualified accountant and has been the Chief Financial Officer for St Hilda's MAT. Jim will be supporting Hugh in the development of the new MAT. Hugh and Jim will provide dynamic and inspirational leadership to the Trust, ensuring the very highest standard of performance is achieved in all of our schools and that resources are directed appropriately towards need. They will also ensure the Catholic character and ethos of our school firmly roots Christ at the centre of all that we do.

We feel that we are very much on track with our work to meet our ambitions of securing outstanding outcomes and a high quality Catholic education for all our children in all our schools.

We will of course keep you updated on progress as we move forward towards our target date of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

Yours in blessed hope

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